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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, LA

SUBJECT: ROK MISSION IN VIENTIANE

REF: BANGKOK 19391

1. MOFA OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT CHIN IN-TAK, WHO WAS HEAD OF ROK TRADE MISSION IN VIENTIANE AND SUBSEQUENTLY ALSO CHARGE THERE, RECENTLY ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AND IS CURRENTLY RECOVERING IN A BANGKOK HOSPITAL. WHILE MOFA IS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS DETAILS, IT APPEARS THAT MR. CHIN HAD BECOME DEEPLY INVOLVED IN SOME KIND OF FINANCIAL SCANDAL. AS REFLECTION OF ROKG CONCERN THAT RELATIONS WITH LAOS NOT SUFFER AS A RESULT OF CHIN'S ACTIVITIES, MOFA LAST WEEK DISPATCHED ASSISTANT MINISTER KIM CHONG-TAE TO BANGKOK TO INVESTIGATE. KIM EVIDENTLY CONCLUDED THAT SITUATION CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT OF CHIN BY KIM EI MYUNG.

2. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK THAT KIM EI MYONG IS EXCELLENT CHOICE TO PURSUE ROK INTERESTS IN VIENTIANE.  
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